

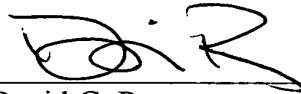
REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending. Claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 2, 9 and 12-13 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 1. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of these amendments.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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